Title: Demanded reply from the minister of finance on the roll back of the increase in the prices of essential commodities and fertilisers.

MR. SPEAKER: Now, the House will take up Zero-Hour.

...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Madhavrao Scindia.

...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE (BOLPUR): I have also given a notice.

MR. SPEAKER: All right.

SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA (GUNA): The newspapers today are full of the headlines regarding Finance Minister's announcement − `Sinha pulls out fresh set of sops', `New proposal give the budget a sweet coat', `Battered stocks get a lift from Pharma', `Sensex records 488 points', and `FM rolls back taxes not prices'.

I will not go into the merits or demerits of this. But this is very obvious that this Government is a sensex Government and it is not a sensitive Government. If it was a sensitive Government â€¦...(*Interruptions*) I have got the permission of the Speaker. ...(*Interruptions*) You have no right to interrupt.

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): The Finance Bill is being discussed in the House. Why did you not speak in the debate? ...(*Interruptions*) This is not proper. ...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA (GUNA): He has no right to interrupt. ...(*Interruptions*) Please behave. ...(*Interruptions*) You have to behave like a Parliamentary Affairs Minister. ...(*Interruptions*)

You have no right to interrupt me. I have taken the permission of the Speaker. ...(*Interruptions)* You should behave like a Parliamentary Affairs Minister. ...(*Interruptions*)

Sir, talking of sensitivity, where is the sensitivity of this Government towards the Below Poverty Line people where 70 per cent hike has taken place in the prices of wheat and rice and 9 per cent in hike has taken place in the price of sugar? Where is the sensitivity towards the housewives where 100 per cent hike has taken place in the price of kerosene? ...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: We are discussing the Finance Bill. Yesterday, we discussed it by sitting very late in the night and today also we are going to discuss it.

...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Sir, I want to say that this sensitivity has to be reflected ...(*Interruptions*)

Sir, the Congress Party had wanted to move cut motions and you, in your wisdom, disallowed them. We always accept the ruling of the Speaker with respect. So, we demand that, in the Finance Minister's reply today, a satisfactory answer is given and there is a roll back of the increase in the prices of essential commodities supplied through the PDS to the weaker sections, a roll back of the increase in the price of urea for the farmers and a roll back of the increase in the price of kerosene for giving relief to housewives. ...(*Interruptions*) If they have sensitivity, let them show it towards the weaker sections, the farmers and the housewives. That is our demand. ...(*Interruptions*)

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SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Sir, you have disallowed our cut motions. So, we demand a satisfactory reply from the Finance Minister on the roll back of the increase in the prices of essential commodities and urea. ...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Madhavrao Scindia, we have already had a discussion about price rise in the House under Rule 193 and yesterday we have discussed the Finance Bill also.

...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I support him, but I have another important matter to raise. ...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI KHARABELA SWAIN (BALASORE): Mr. Speaker, Sir, they should have participated in the debate on the Finance Bill. Is it a matter to be raised during Zero Hour? ...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE : Sir, you have so many advisors. ...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: We have gone to another subject. Please take your seat.

...(*Interruptions*)